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TAGS: PINT, SHUM, CI

SUBJECT:CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY LEADER JAIME CASTILLO

REF: SANTIAGO 2181

1. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM CHILEAN EXILE COMMUNITY SOURCES THAT CASTILLO INTENDS TO ARRIVE SANTIAGO ON MONDAY, APRIL 3, ABOUT NOON. YOU VERY PROBABLY HAVE MORE INFORMATION THAN WE DO CONCERNING THE DETAILS.
2. IT HAS BEEN SUGGESTED IN DEPARTMENT THAT YOU BE ASKED TO SEND AN OFFICER TO THE AIRPORT TO OBSERVE THE CASTILLO ARRIVAL AND WHATEVER OCCURS IN CONNECTION WITH IT THEREBY TO DEMONSTRATE USG INTEREST IN AND SUPPORT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS AND DEMOCRATIC OPPOSITION ELEMENTS IN CHILE, AND PERHAPS HELP ENSURE HIS PERSONAL SAFETY.
3. OTHER INTERESTED OFFICES IN DEPARTMENT FEAR THAT KNOWN PRESENCE OF U.S. OFFICER AT TIME OF CASTILLO
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- ARRIVAL COULD BE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE. SUCH PRESENCE COULD INDICATE TO GOC THAT WE HAD ADVANCE KNOWLEDGE AND WERE DELIBERATELY PARTICIPATING IN AN ACT OF POLITICAL PROVOCATION. IT COULD ALSO FURTHER TAR THE PDC WITH THE BRUSH OF USG PATRONAGE.
4. IN THIS MATTER WE BELIEVE YOU ARE THE BEST JUDGE AND IN CLOSEST CONTACT WITH THIS SITUATION. YOU SHOULD

EXERCISE YOUR OWN DISCRETION ON THIS QUESTION. COOPER

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